



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Resolution #19-1211-337

*Resolution in Support of Dedicated Federal Funding to recover wildlife with the
Recovering America's Wildlife Act*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on July 11, 2016 which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on August 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes are proven leaders and provide vital habitat for more than 525 federally listed threatened and endangered plants and animals, many of which are both biologically and culturally significant to Tribes; and

WHEREAS, current funding for both Tribes and states only provides a mere fraction of what is needed to conserve wildlife species; and

WHEREAS, despite a history of underfunding and exclusion from federal funding, Tribes have some of the most accomplished natural resource programs in the nation and protect hundreds of wildlife species and their habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe supports proactive conservation that is essential for our nation's fish, wildlife and habitat resources, essential for our planet's health and that of the humans who live upon it; and

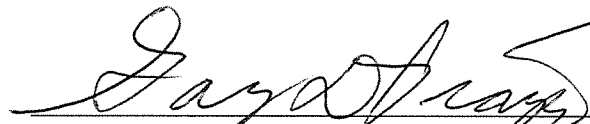
WHEREAS, the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) will provide states, territories, and tribes with \$1.4 billion annually to catalyze proactive, on-the-ground, collaborative efforts to restore essential habitat and implement key conservation strategies, as described in each state's Wildlife Action Plan; and


WHEREAS, the RAWA amends the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to direct the Department of the Treasury to transfer revenues from energy and mineral development on federal lands to the Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Subaccount of the Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Fund, to be available without further appropriation; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council supports the RAWA and similar legislation for the recovery of fish and wildlife species and preventing them from becoming endangered by dedicating \$1.3 billion annually to assist states with wild life conservation that is inclusive of Tribes and that resources must be dedicated to assist Tribes with their wildlife conservation efforts on tribal lands.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on December 11, 2019, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Gary Di Piazza, Tribal Council Recorder


Ronald Pete, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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